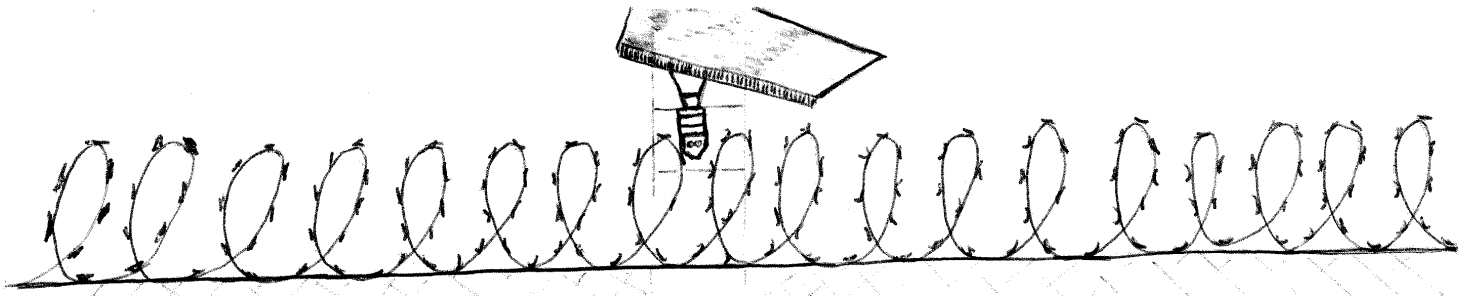
CAN'T HEAR ME SCREAM



OF COURSE
THEY WANT TO SEE
You broken
crying
afraid

then you WILL
OBEY

About 2 weeks ago, I sent an email out to a couple of local anarchist lists asking if anyone was interested in doing prisoner support work and possibly starting an Anarchist Black Cross group. I only received two replies. I am now in prison with one of those people. Strange how life goes. At the moment, we are facing charges under the Arms Act with a possible sentence of 4 years. More charges may come as the police desperately try to make us New Zealand's first terrorists. We are not terrorists.

What is a terrorist? Someone who terrorises. In this camp I would put most world leaders and heads of multi-billion dollar corporations. I would also put the NZ Police Force who terrorise local communities around Aotearoa with almost total impunity.

This zine is happening because I am in prison. It is dedicated to all the people on the inside who are suffering the injustice of this system & everyone on the outside fighting to destroy it. Kia Kaha

PRISONER SUPPORT

I have the WORLD'S BEST SUPPORT CREW. THE THINGS THEY HAVE DONE FOR ME ARE SO INCREDIBLE THEY ARE BEYOND WORDS. I FEEL THEIR LOVE AND I FEEL THEM HURTING. THEY MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO GO ON LIVING IN THIS SHIT HOLE.

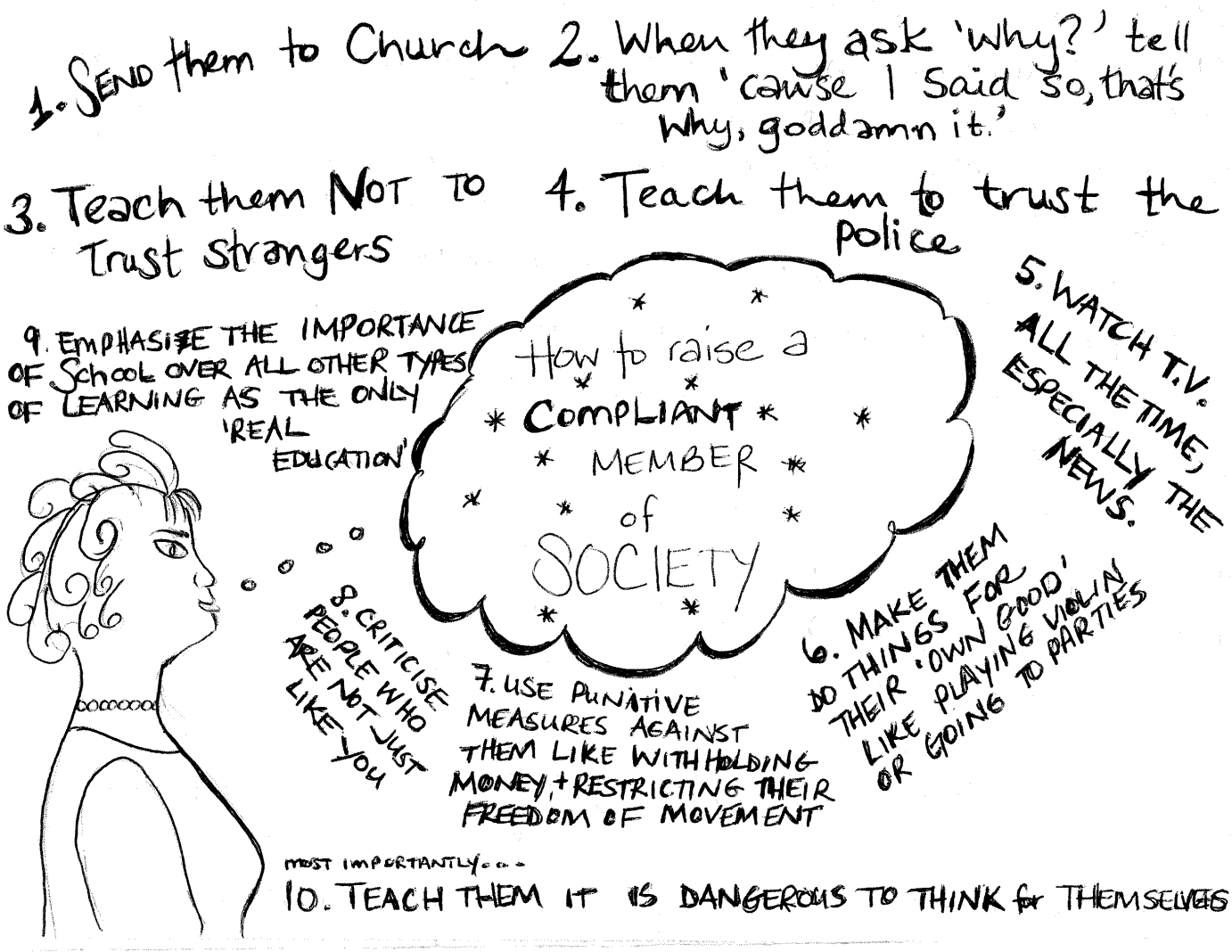
THERE ARE SO MANY POLITICAL PRISONERS AROUND THE WORLD, SO MANY PEOPLE WHO NEED TO FEEL THAT THEY ARE NOT FORGOTTEN TO ROT.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT PRISON SUPPORT, THE "PRISON-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX" or SPECIFIC PEOPLE YOU CAN WRITE TO, CHECK OUT:

★ ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS - heaps of articles, resources and ideas about supporting political prisoners, on the internet, just 'google' it. ☺

★ INDYMEDIA - your media from around the world. Lots of current & historical articles about arrests, police brutality + imprisonment of political activists - Oaxaca (Mex.) and Eugene (Oregon) have been recent sites for major state repression + long term prison sentences.
www.indymedia.org

★ YOUR LOCAL ANARCHIST BOOKSHOP - we have the Freedom Shop in Wellington on the left bank of cuba mall. Authors like Angela Davis, Assata Shakur, the BLACK LIBERATION ARMY, the American Indian Movement, Ward Churchill, Michel Foucault cover a huge range of topics relating to prisons including: power, colonisation, armed struggle, Kops; discipline.


1. SEND them to Church
2. When they ask 'why?' tell them 'cause I said so, that's why, goddamn it.'
3. Teach them NOT TO Trust Strangers
4. Teach them to trust the police
5. WATCH T.V. ALL THE TIME, ESPECIALLY THE NEWS.
How to raise a COMPLIANT MEMBER of SOCIETY
6. MAKE THEM DO THINGS FOR THEIR 'OWN GOOD' LIKE PLAYING VIOLIN OR GOING TO PARTIES
7. USE PUNATIVE MEASURES AGAINST THEM LIKE WITHHOLDING MONEY, + RESTRICTING THEIR FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT
8. CRITICISE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT JUST LIKE YOU
9. EMPHASISE THE IMPORTANCE OF School OVER ALL OTHER TYPES OF LEARNING AS THE ONLY 'REAL EDUCATION'
MOST IMPORTANTLY...
10. TEACH THEM IT IS DANGEROUS TO THINK for THEMSELVES

AROHATA WOMEN'S PRISON

There are approximately 150 women here. I am in the high-med security part of the prison called the 'Tizzard Wing'. I am with other women on 'remand' which means they have not had a trial, nor been convicted of any crime. The 15 or so women here are almost all Māori. New Zealand's rate of incarceration for Māori people is 6 times greater than it is for the general population. New Zealand also has the 2nd highest per capita rate of incarceration in the world - second only to the United States. All of the women here, with the exception of me and my co-accused, smoke tobacco. Tobacco forms a small economy in prison serving as a currency for bartering. It seems to me that it is just simply another form of slavery - to this sick addiction, and in here, it drives many to violence when not 'shared' as per an unwritten set of rules. Prison has its own economy otherwise, in packets of butter or sugar or a tea bag.

This is the micro-economy of prison - people just trying to get by and make the time here a little bit more bearable. There is a great macro-economy of prisons, too - it is the "prison industrial complex" and it is a fundamental part of our exploitative economic and social system. Whenever you impose a system or way of doing

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<< Things that have made me laugh in prison . . . >>

well, prison! its so fucking utterly ridiculous ☺

being called a terrorist ☺
Em being called 'silent but violent'

the doctor being concerned about my dry skin ☺

Kurt Vonnegut ☺

dancing to drum and bass outside a cell with 3 other prisoners ☺

grant orange jumpsuits for when visitors come so you look your best! ☺

walking in circles and figure-8s around a yard over and over and over and over ☺

A prisoner telling me I was assembling a jigsaw puzzle incorrectly ☺

a 'neighbor' yelling at each person on the wing 'what are you doing?' and 'what are you wearing?' ☺

Krumping in my cell ☺

Playing dodge-ball with a flat ball ☺

the popularity of our prison-issue shoes ☺

talking to myself
talking to myself
talking to myself ☺

having imaginary conversations with my friends ☺☺

small acts of rebellion like brewing booze running away from the guards and hiding contraband in your cunt ☺

Singing really loud in the shower ☺

PRISON BUREAUCRACY...

NOTICE!
NOTICE CELL STANDARDS

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Offender Receipt

PRISONER TELEPHONE NUMBER REQUEST FORM

Visitor Approval Notification

B.09 02.F4 Visitor Application Form

"The purpose of any visit to a prisoner is to maintain the family and social relationships of the prisoner in order to promote the prisoners's reintegration into the community on release." (Reg.80)

IS ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU KILL SOMEONE

things and use violence to enforce it, you will get resistance. When you have a system that not only makes it possible for someone to PROFIT from that violent enforcement, but actually requires it, you can be certain that there will always be prisons full of people.

The greater economics of prisons is phenomenal and is intimately tied to the growth of private security firms and by extension, weapons manufacturers and war profiteers.

I have been most struck, however, by the little coercions and power-trips. They are SO subtle that you hardly notice your compliance. The guards-who say 'you treat us like you want to be treated' except that you are the one who has to beg for a phone call or a pen or some soymilk or a visit to the doctor. It is the way you have to eat all your food before they come back for your dishes. It is a lot like school only there is never any holiday or recess.

Two things are glaringly obvious about this place - the first is that all prisoners are political prisoners and secondly that the inherent nature of such 'punishment' means you cannot even hope to emerge from such a place better than when you went in, it is to enforce your obedience to violence. That's all.

As you can probably imagine, there are lots of things that need to be done at a prison - after all, it is "home" to lots of people and they must be fed, clothed, etc. In my wing of the prison there are two women PRISONERS who are "employed" to do much of the daily work that keeps this place functional. Their duties include: serving breakfast + washing the breakfast dishes, sweeping & mopping the common areas, doing up to 4 loads of laundry per day, keeping the "kitchen" area clean and serving the dinner with a final nightly clean-up. Sounds like a fair bit of work, eh? Well it is. Only here it is presented as a privilege not a job. These women get paid between $6.50 and $12.50 → **not** an hour, **not** a day BUT A WEEK! That's right... it amounts to about $1.50 - 2.50 a day which is about as close as you can get to slavery. Needless to say, these women don't have

PRISON'S SLAVE LABOUR

GET UP • EAT • CLEAN YOUR ROOM FOR INSPECTION • STAND AROUND • BE THREATENED BY ANOTHER PRISONER • TRY TO TALK TO YOUR LAWYER • GET SEARCHED • GET STRIP SEARCHED • GET LOCKED • GET UP • EAT • CLEAN YOUR ROOM FOR INSPECTION • STAND AROUND • BE THREATENED BY ANOTHER PRISONER • TRY TO TALK TO YOUR LAWYER • GET SEARCHED • GET STRIP SEARCHED • GET LOCKED • GET UNLOCKED • GO TO BIRDCAGE • GET ROOMS SEARCHED • PLAY VOLLEYBALL • GET SEARCHED • EAT

Banned items
Dried flowers, pot plants, aerosol cans, bluetak, cell phones, chewing gum, gambling tickets, tattoo equipment, pornography, gang paraphernalia, occult material, microphones, wipes (alcohol based), cameras, tin foil.

AS AT 12.10.07 — Order / Invoice No.

APPROVED AROHATA WEEKLY SHOPPING ORDER FORM

WHERE THERE IS MORE THAN ONE ITEM PER LINE, PLEASE CIRCLE THE ITEM YOU REQUIRE.

CONSENT TO DISPLAY PERSONAL INFORMATION

I agree that where my request to purchase items is approved, this form and any personal information contained within it may be viewed by any supplier

NAME: Y. MORSE SIGNATURE:

WING: TIZARD

DATE: 23/10/07

ITEM	EST. COST	NO. REQUIRED	EST COST
Rothmans 25's	$ 13.20		
Rothmans 20's	$ 10.70		
Holiday 25's Special Filter / Super Mild	$ 12.10		
Holiday 25's Extra Mild / Menthol	$ 12.10		
Holiday 20's special filter / Menthol / Mild	$ 9.90		
Pall Mall 20's Filter / Menthol	$ 10.00		
Winfield 25's	$ 12.80		
Benson & Hedges 25's	$ 13.10		
Park Drive 50gm Regular / Mild / Menthol	$ 31.10		
Park Drive 30gm Regular / Mild / Menthol	$ 19.10		
Port Royal 50gm Regular / Kentucky Bourbon	$ 31.60		
Port Royal 30gm Regular / Kentucky Bourbon	$ 19.40		
Drum 50gm Bright & Dark / Mild	$ 31.60		
Drum 30gm Bright & Dark	$ 19.40		
Holiday 50gm Special Filter / Menthol	$ 30.10		
Holiday 40gm Special Filter / Menthol	$ 23.90		
Holiday 30gm Special Filter / Menthol / Mild	$ 18.60		
HORIZON 40gm - Regular / Menthol / Mild	$ 23.90		
HORIZON 30gm - Regular / Menthol / Mild	$ 18.60		
Zig-Zag Papers - Yellow	$ 0.75		
Zig-Zag Papers - Blue	$ 0.75		
Boomerang Filters : Regular / Slims	$ 0.85		

ITEM	EST. COST	NO. REQUIRED	TOTAL EST COST
Vicks Vapo Drops - 15's	$ 2.50		
Vicks Throat Drops - Lemon / Menthol	$ 1.90		
Pams Cotton Buds 100s	$ 1.95		
Johnson & Johnson Baby Powder	$ 3.95		
Pams Tissues - 200's	$ 2.95		
Sensodyne Toothpaste	$ 10.95		
Colgate Total Dental Floss	$ 4.80	1	4.80
Colgate Classic Adult Medium Toothbrush	$ 1.65		
Steradent Denture Tablets - 30 pack	$ 7.95		
Korbond Bobby Pins - Black/Brown	$ 1.95		
Korbond Elastic Hair Ties	$ 2.95		
Gillette for Women Daisy Razors	$ 6.95		
Mum Roll-On Deodorant - 50ml	$ 4.15		
Shower Fresh / Arctic Blast / Sublime / Sunburst			
Rexona Roll-On Deodorant - 50ml	$ 4.80		
Source / Forces / Classic Silk / Musk / Cool White / Men's / Cotton Fresh			
Dove Deodorant - Blue / Green / Beige	$ 5.40		
Lynx Roll on Deodorant	$ 6.20		
Pulse / Click / Touch / Africa			
Protex Shower Crème 250ml	$ 5.80		
Fresh / Suncare / Herbal / DEO12			
Korbond Body Washer	$ 2.95		
Pantene Shampoo - 400ml : Hydrating Curl or	$ 11.90		

AROHATA PRISON

PROPERTY APPROVAL FORM

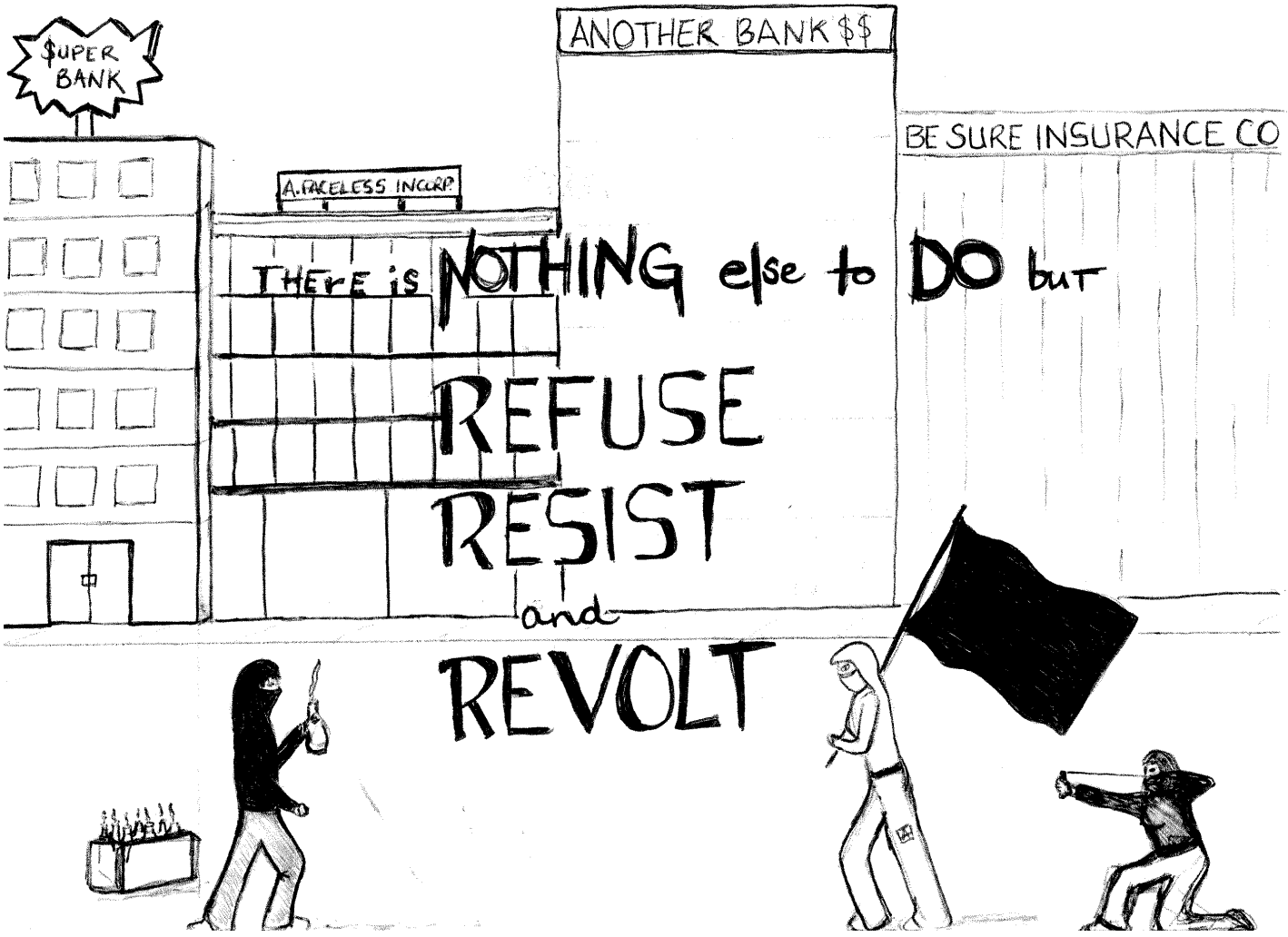
For Clothing, Radio, CD's, Cassettes, TV's and other attractive items

a contract to protect them. Since I got here, one of the cleaners was summarily dismissed after a disagreement with the guard.

Prison slave labour is nothing new, of course. Prison chain gangs, sweatshop clothing manufacture and making licence plates are the stuff of legend. More recently, the selling of prisoner's bodily organs in China has become a booming business. Prisoners are largely disposable people, to be used and exploited to the extent that the State believes it can get away with it.

In Aotearoa, the prison population is marginalised and largely disregarded as human as soon as they walk through the steel gates. It is not a world that middle-class NZ'ers want to have anything to do with.

All of this is just an example of the violent brutality of this prison state, the nature of the 'prison business' and the complicity of the middle-class who turn a blind eye to it all.



A new acquaintance

Do you know what dread feels like?
Do you know the feeling of a hand squeezing your heart
and sitting on your chest
and you wake up
and you were never asleep
and they shine the flashlight in your face again
You crawl further under the blankets
You can't breathe
You are falling and there is nothing to grab onto
It is thick and black
And you want to scream, and you want to flee
But there is no one who can hear you
And the door is bolted shut.